

Amendments to the Claims

4. (currently amended) The process of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 wherein the step of compression filtration comprises continuous filtration by passing the solid residue between opposed filter belts which gradually and progressively compress the solid residue as the solid residue passes between them.

5. (currently amended) The process of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 wherein the step of compression filtration comprises continuous filtration by passing the solid residue through a screw press.

6. (currently amended) The process of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 wherein the step of compression filtration comprises filtration of discrete portions of the solid residue in compression filtration means comprising a compression chamber which has a filter media bounding a portion of the chamber by placing the solid residue in the chamber and compressing the solid residue against said portion.

7. (currently amended) A process as claimed in ~~any of claims 1-6~~ claim 1 in which the predominantly liquid filtrate also contains small particles of solid high in protein and/or carbohydrate.

8. (currently amended) A process as claimed in ~~any of claims 1-7~~ claim 1 in which the vegetable product is a defatted oilseed meal.

10. (currently amended) A process as claimed in ~~any of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, in which the vegetable product is oil-extracted canola flake from a solvent-based oil-extraction process.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said impeller type filter comprises a vessel including a filter media forming a portion of the vessel boundary and an impeller disposed for movement within the vessel closely fitting to said portion. [[.]]

16. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 13-15~~ claim 12 in which the impeller type filter media has comprises a mesh with apertures which permit passage of fine particles comprising at least one of protein and carbohydrate.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 13-16~~ claim 12, wherein said impeller type filter has a filter media has which is a mesh having a minimum aperture of about 75 microns.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 13-18~~ claim 12, wherein said impeller type filter has a filter media has which is a mesh having a maximum aperture of about 2500 microns.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 13-18~~ claim 12, wherein said impeller type filter has a filter media has which is a mesh having a maximum aperture of about 250 microns.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 12-20~~ claim 12, wherein said compression filter means comprises at least one pair of filter belts which are oriented so as to convey the solid residue while gradually and progressively compressing the solid residue in the direction of movement of the solid residue between the pair of filter belts.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 12-20~~ claim 12 wherein the compression filter means comprises a screw press.

23. (currently amended) The apparatus of ~~any of claims 12-20~~ claim 12 wherein said compression filter means comprises a compression chamber, a portion of which is bounded by filter media and a piston adapted to be received within the compression chamber to compress solid residue within the compression chamber against the filter media.